

Committee of Thirteen Report

August 14, 2012

The Committee of Thirteen of the Benton County Quorum Court met Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Quorum Court Room, County Administration Building, Third Floor, 215 East Central, Bentonville, Arkansas.

13 JPs Present: King, Winscott, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Hawkins, Jones, Sandlin, Douglas, Blaty, Curry, Carr, Moore

Others Present: County Judge Bob Clinard, County Attorney George Spence, Director Road Department Scott Stober, Human Resource Manager Barbara Ludwig, Administrator of Public Safety Marshal Watson, Administrator of General Services Elizabeth Bowen, Cornor Daniel Oxford

Media: Tom Sissom - Daily Record

Chair Kurt Moore called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dawn Harpell of Bella Vista, AR thanked the Road Department and the county for the work that had been done on Sunset Drive in Bella Vista.

JP J. Harrison made motion to read all resolutions and ordinances by title only, seconded by JP Jones.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

JP J. Harrison made motion to move Item "D" to be the first on the agenda, seconded by JP Sandlin.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

Resolution Request: Urging certified Death Investigation Training for Coroners and Deputy Corners

JP Harrison stated this resolution request is courtesy of the Annual Arkansas Association of Counties (AAC) to consider legislation providing certified in-state coroner training for death scene investigations in Arkansas and that a copy of this resolution will be provided to the Association of Arkansas Counties (AAC).

JP J. Harrison motion to approve and forward the resolution request to the August 23, 2012 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Curry.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

Resolution Request: Re-Appointment of Craig Hull to the Benton County Rural Development Authority, Position # 5

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the resolution request to the August 23, 2012 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Douglas.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

Resolution Request: Appointment of Chris N. Flynt to the Benton County Rural Development Authority, Position #4

JP Sandlin made motion to approve and forward the resolution request to the August 23, 2012 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Douglas.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

Resolution Request: Appointment of Thomas Evers to the Benton County Rural Development Authority, Position #1

JP J. Harrison made motion to approve and forward the resolution request to the August 23, 2012 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Sandlin.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

Items for Consideration: 2012 Legislative Packet Items

a. An Act to Appeal §22-9-208 Regarding the State Prevailing Wage Scale

JP Douglas made motion to accept and forward the proposed item for consideration to the Legislative Packet, seconded by JP Hawkins.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

b. Resolution Supporting the Repeal of the Federal Prevailing Wage Scale

JP Douglas made motion to accept and forward the proposed item for consideration to the Legislative Packet, seconded by JP Winscott

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

c. An Act to Amend §14-164-704 Regarding Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)

JP Douglas made motion to accept and forward the proposed item for consideration to the Legislative Packet, seconded by JP Sandlin.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

d. An Act to Amend §14-56-413 to Clarify the Boundaries Within Territories Jurisdictions

JP Douglas made motion to accept and forward the proposed item for consideration to the Legislative Packet, seconded by JP Sandlin.

County Judge Bob Clinard stated that a few years ago, a law was passed through the legislature to clarify the boundaries within territories jurisdictions. He stated that the question is who has the authority to monitor the territory jurisdictions, and the State law is not clear.

Administrator of General Services Elizabeth Bowen stated that the intention of this is to require if the cities create a planning jurisdiction, that they are required to take all responsibility, unless there is an agreement between the county and the city. She stated now regional planning believes that the only thing that the cities have the authority to do is sub-division reviews.

Lengthy discussion was held on who has the authority to determine the boundaries within territorial jurisdictions, the cities or the county.

JP Curry made motion to send the proposed bill back to the Legislative Committee for further consideration, seconded by JP Sandlin.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

Resolution Request: NEBCO Volunteer Fire Department Grant

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the resolution request to the August 23, 2012 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Carr.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

Ordinance Request: Establishing an Electronic Warrants Transfer (Direct Deposit)

JP Douglas made motion to approve and forward the ordinance request to the August 23, 2102 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Sandlin.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

Appropriation Ordinance Request: Amending Schedule 4 - Accounting/HR/Grants, Dept. 19

JP Sandlin made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the August 23, 2012 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP J. Harrison.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

Appropriation Ordinance Request: Amending Schedule 4 - Planning Board, Dept. 31

JP Allen stated this was forwarded from the Finance Committee with a do pass recommendation.

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the August 23, 2012 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Jones.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

Appropriation Ordinance Request: Benton County Spring and Fall Cleanups, Environmental, Dept. 38

Comptroller Sarah Daniels stated this appropriation ordinance request is for an additional \$7,000 needed to finish paying for the Spring Clean-up and \$53,000 for the Fall Clean-up.

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the August 23, 2012 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Jones

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

Appropriation Ordinance Request: Juvenile Probation, Dept. 20

JP Allen stated this came out of the Finance Committee with a do-pass recommendation.

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the August 23, 2012 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Hawkins.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

Appropriation Ordinance Request: Road Department, Dept. 44

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the August 23, 2012 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Jones.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

Appropriation Ordinance Request: Quorum Court, Dept. 18

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the August 23, 2012 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Jones.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

Appropriation Ordinance Request: Prosecuting Attorney (Courthouse Tower East) Dept. 21

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the August 23, 2012 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Sandlin.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

Discussion: Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Administrator of Public Safety Marshal Watson stated that he and County Judge Robert Clinard and JP Winscott continue to meet and that they have challenged him to gather data about Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

JP Winscott stated that he, County Judge Bob Clinard and Administrator of Public Safety Marshal Watson are trying to identify counties similar to Benton County in Arkansas and the Midwest that have dealt with similar issues with Emergency Medical Services (EMS) so that Benton County can learn from them.

County Judge Bob Clinard stated that the county appropriated \$100,000 for EMS service in 2011 and \$150,000 for 2012. He stated that ambulance service to rural Benton County and municipalities without their own ambulance service is provided by seven municipal fire departments and the Northeast Benton County Fire Department. He added that they will go through the budget process this year with a subsidy like last year, but that he can't imagine having a deal in just two months, it just isn't possible.

Lengthy discussion was held on the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) that was currently being provided by the seven municipal fire departments and the Northeast Benton County Fire Department, and their cost.

JP Allen stated that he was disappointed with the study that had been done, that it was a waste of county money.

JP Jones stated that more frequent meetings of the Public Safety Committee should be held about the EMS ambulance service issue among all the justice of the peace to help make a decision.

County Judge Bob Clinard stated they are trying to bring something solid to the committee where they can make a decision.

County Judge Bob Clinard reported that he Justice Winscott and Marshal Watson been meeting to work on the ambulance issue and are set to meet with Central Emergency Medical Services representatives on Wednesday.

County Judge Bob Clinard said that he hopes to glean cost information from Central Emergency Medical Services but that he is not looking at it as a model for the county. He stated with the municipal ambulance services so firmly established, that the prospect of having a single ambulance service for the county is minimal.

Resolution Request: Resolution Expressing the Willingness of Benton County to Utilize Federal- Aid Funds

County Judge Bob Clinard stated this resolution allows the county to go forward with the process of applying for Federal funds for the Fisher Ford Bridge; and that this does not obligate the county to anything. He stated that the Federal Government needs an official resolution from the county that goes into that we are asking to go forward with the request, and this does not obligate us to accept.

JP Sandlin made motion to forward the proposed resolution to the August 23, 2012 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP J. Harrison.

Chair JP Moore asked the Deputy Clerk to read the proposed resolution in its entirety.

Deputy Clerk Janet Reaves read the proposed resolution in its entirety.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JP Douglas announced that the Benton County Fair will start begin Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at the Benton County Fair grounds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion and second meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.